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AT 7:45 A.M. (5:45 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME) I TRANSMITTED TO PRIMIN IKEDA AT HIS PRIVATE RESIDENCE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND SPEECH, EMPHASIZING THAT LATTER WAS NOT IN OFFICIAL OR FINAL FORM. IN 25-MINUTE TALK I OUTLINED FOR HIM MAJOR POINTS IN SPEECH, EMPHASIZING THAT HISTORY HAS TAUGHT US THAT WEAK SURRENDER IN THE FACE OF AGGRESSIVE ACTION IS NOT THE RM* TO FORCE. I ALSO POINTED OUT THE REQUEST IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR SUPPORT IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM FROM THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS. IKEDA REPLIED THAT HE QUITE UNDERSTOOD THE AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW AND THAT AFTER HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAD HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS MORE THOROUGHLY, HE WOULD GIVE ME, THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THEIR REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST.

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